

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Appln. Of: OKADA et al.
For: Hydrogen Storage Metal Alloy and Production Thereof
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Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests that the following amendments be made to the above-identified application prior to examination.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 6, 8, 11 and 12 to read/as follows:

6. (Amended) The hydrogen storage metal alloy according to Claim 1 wherein the element X is admixed at its atom % concentration, d (at%), ranging within $0 \leq d \text{ (at\%)} \leq 20$, the atomic radius of which is larger than that of Cr but smaller than that of Ti.

8. (Amended) The hydrogen storage metal alloy according to Claim 1 wherein the element T is admixed at its atom % concentration, e (at%), ranging within $0 \leq e \text{ (at\%)} \leq 10$ and includes at least one or more members selected from the group

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